

EXHIBIT C

LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.
One Newark Center – 8th Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102
Attorneys for Defendants
Salisbury Bank and Trust Company and Salisbury Bancorp, Inc.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

WILLIAM GUNNAR TRUITT

Civil Action No. : 7:18-cv-8386

Plaintiff,

-against-

SALISBURY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY;
AND SALISBURY BANCORP, INC.,

**NOTICE TO ADVERSE PARTY OF
FILING OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendants.

TO: Ted McCullough, Esq.
McCullough Ginsburg Montano & Partners LLP
122 E. 42nd Street, Suite 3505
New York, New York 10168
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Coughlan Law Offices, LLP
P.O. Box 72, 22 Hutton Street
Rhinecliff, New York 12574
Co-counsel for Plaintiff

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on September 14, 2018, Defendants Salisbury Bank and Trust Company and Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. (together, “Defendants”) filed a Notice of Removal, a copy of which is attached hereto, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and filed a Notice to the Clerk of the New York State Supreme Court of the filing of such Notice of Removal, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Date: September 14, 2018
Newark, New Jersey

/s/ Lindsay M. Sorin
Lindsay M. Sorin
LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.
One Newark Center – 8th Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102
973.848.4700

Attorneys for Defendants
Salisbury Bank and Trust Company and
Salisbury Bancorp, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 14th day of September, 2018, she caused a true and correct copy of the annexed Notice to Adverse Party of Filing of Notice of Removal to be served via email and regular mail, upon the following:

McCullough Ginsburg Montano & Partners LLP
122 E. 42nd Street, Suite 3505
New York, New York 10168
tmccullough@mgpllp.com

Coughlan Law Offices, LLP
P.O. Box 72, 22 Hutton Street
Rhinecliff, New York 12574
coughlanlawoffices@gmail.com

/s/ Lindsay M. Sorin
Lindsay M. Sorin

LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.
One Newark Center – 8th Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102
Attorneys for Defendants
Salisbury Bank and Trust Company and Salisbury Bancorp, Inc.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

WILLIAM GUNNAR TRUITT,

Plaintiff,

-against-

SALISBURY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY;
AND SALISBURY BANCORP, INC.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. :

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

**TO: THE CLERK AND THE HONORABLE JUDGES
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441 and 1446, Defendants Salisbury Bank and Trust Company and Salisbury Bancorp, Inc. (together, “Defendants”) hereby remove the above-captioned action, pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Dutchess County, to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. In support of its Notice of Removal, Defendants respectfully allege as follows:

1. Plaintiff William Gunnar Truitt (“Plaintiff”) commenced this action on or about August 22, 2018 by filing a Complaint in the Supreme Court of New York, County of Dutchess, captioned *William Gunnar Truitt v. Salisbury Bank and Trust Company, et al.*, Index. No. 2018-52675 (the “State Court Action”). The State Court Action is pending in that court. A true and correct copy of the Summons and Complaint is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

2. Defendants were served with a copy of the Summons and Verified Complaint on August 24, 2018. This Notice of Removal is filed within 30 days of that date, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

3. The State Court Action is between citizens of different states and is a civil action over which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction by virtue of diversity jurisdiction granted by 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

4. Specifically, Plaintiff is an individual and a resident and a citizen of Hyde Park, New York. (Exhibit A, Complaint, ¶7). Defendant Salisbury Bank and Trust Company is incorporated in the State of Connecticut with its principal place of business in Lakeville, Connecticut. (Exhibit A, Complaint, ¶2). Salisbury Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of Salisbury Bank and Trust, is also incorporated in the State of Connecticut with its principal place of business in Lakeville, Connecticut. (Exhibit A, Complaint, ¶5).

5. The matter in controversy in the State Court Action exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), computed on the following basis:

a. The Complaint filed by Plaintiff alleges a violation of the New York Labor Law Section 201-d. He seeks monetary damages for loss of past and future income, commissions, benefits and other potential compensation, compensation for damage to Plaintiff's professional reputation and future earning potential, compensation for damage done to Plaintiff's political campaign, compensation for mental anguish and punitive damages, as well as attorneys' fees and costs and pre-and post-judgment interest as provided by law. (Exhibit A, Complaint, Prayer for Relief).

b. His Complaint alleges that he "has lost a position worth over \$150,000 per year plus benefits." (Exhibit A, Complaint, ¶31).

c. He further alleges that, if elected as a New York State Assemblymember, he would be paid approximately \$80,000 per year while also accruing time towards a New York State pension. (Exhibit A, Complaint, ¶32).

6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a true and correct copy of this Notice of Removal will be submitted for filing with the Clerk of the New York State Supreme Court, Dutchess County, and a copy of the Notice to State Court of Filing of Notice of Removal has been attached as **Exhibit B**.

7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a true and correct copy of this Notice of Removal will be served on Plaintiff's Counsel, Ted McCullough, Esq. and Caughlan Law Offices, LLP, and a copy of the Notice to Adverse Party of Filing of Notice of Removal has been attached as **Exhibit C**.

8. Defendants file this Notice of Removal solely for the purpose of removing the instant action and do not waive, and specifically reserves, any and all defenses.

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray that this action be removed to this Court, that this Court accept jurisdiction of this action henceforth and that this action be placed on the docket of this Court for further proceedings as though this action had originally been instituted in this Court.

Date: September 14, 2018
Newark, New Jersey

/s/ Lindsay M. Sorin

Lindsay M. Sorin
LITTLER MENDELSON
A Professional Corporation
One Newark Center – 8th Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102
973.848.4700

*Attorneys for Defendants
Salisbury Bank and Trust Company and
Salisbury Bancorp, Inc.*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 14th day of September, 2018, she caused a true and correct copy of the annexed Notice of Removal to be served via email and regular mail, upon the following:

McCullough Ginsburg Montano & Partners LLP
122 E. 42nd Street, Suite 3505
New York, New York 10168
tmccullough@mgpllp.com

Coughlan Law Offices, LLP
P.O. Box 72, 22 Hutton Street
Rhinecliff, New York 12574
coughlanlawoffices@gmail.com

/s/ Lindsay M. Sorin
Lindsay M. Sorin